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1. SUMMARY. WE ADVISED KROHN OF US OPPOSITION TO HAITI'S INCLUSION IN THE ACP GROUP AND THE REASONS THEREFOR. HE TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF OUR COMMENTS AND IMPLIED THAT FOR THE PRESENT AT LEAST HE INTENDS TO TRY TO TURN OFF THE HAITI REQUEST ALTHOUGH HE MADE NO COMMITMENT IN THIS REGARD. HE BELIEVES THAT IF HAITI SHOULD EVENTUALLY JOIN THE CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET, THERE WOULD BE INCREASED DIFFICULTY IN HOLDING THE LINE AGAINST ITS INCLUSION IN THE ACP GROUP. END SUMMARY.

2. ON OCTOBER 11, WE CARRIED OUT THE INSTRUCTION IS REFTEL A WITH EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR GENERAL KROHN WHO IS THE COMMUNITY'S SENIOR OFFICIAL NEGOTIATOR FOR THE ACP COUNTRIES. WE WENT OVER WITH HIM THE HISTORY AND BACKGROUND OF OUR PREVIOUS DEALINGS WITH THE COMMISSION ABOUT PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENTS IN GENRAL AND ABOUT THE ACP ARRANGEMENTS IN PARTICULAR. WE EMPHASIZED THE US INTEREST IN HAVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOP CLOSE ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH HAITI AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE ON AN MFN OR GSP BASIS IN THE TRADE FIELD AND, IF POSSIBLE, BY MEANS OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AS WELL. WE SPECIFICALLY POINTED OUT THAT, IF THE COMMUNITY YIELDS ON HAITI, IRAN OR OTHER COUNTRIES MIGHT CITE THIS AS A PRECEDENT.

3. KROHN WAS NOT SURPRISED AT THE US POSITION. HE IMPLIED THAT HE HOPES TO TURN OFF THE HAITIANS FOR THE PRESENT BUT HE MADE NO COMMITMENT IN THIS REGARD. KROHN DID SAY, THAT, IF HAITI SHOULD EVENTUALLY JOIN THE CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET (CARICOM), THE ARGUMENTS FOR INCLUDING HAITI IN THE ACP GROUP WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY STRENGTHENED. KROHN POINTED OUT THAT SINCE EXPORTS FROM THE OTHER CARICOM MEMBERS WOULD ENJOY PREFERENTIAL ENTRY INTO THE COMMUNITY UNDER THE ACP ARRANGEMENTS, WHILE HAITIAN EXPORTS WOULD ENJOY A LESS FAVORABLE REGIME, THERE WOULD BE A POSSIBLE TRADE DIVERSION PROBLEM AND NEED FOR THRASSHIPMENT CONTROLS. BEYOND THAT, THERE WOULD BE A POLITICAL OR OPTICAL ARGUMENT FOR HAVING ALL OF THE CARICOM COUNTRIES ENJOY THE SAME KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY. WE SAID LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT WHILE THERE MIGHT BE SOME PRACTICAL ORIGIN PROBLEM THIS COULD BE HANDLED AS A TECHNICAL MATTER. WE WERE ALSO UNIMPRESSED BY THE "OPTICAL" ARGUMENT.

4. WE HAVE INFORMED SOAMES' CABINET OF OUR APPROACH TO KROHN AND THE SUBSTANCE OF THE US POSITION. GREENWALD

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